













## SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.  
(Before Sir George Phillips, Chief Justice.)  
Friday, March 25.

## SENTENCING.

Sentences were pronounced to-day on the criminals convicted.

## LARCENY BY A BRITISH SAILOR.

The first prisoner called was Michael Murphy, who was convicted of stealing a watch and chain.

The prisoner, on being asked what he had to say in mitigation of his offence, said he had no intention of taking the watch. He thought he might get it if he took it, and he took it. He had no other choice, and he took it. He had no other choice, and he took it. He had no other choice, and he took it.

His Lordship—I cannot conceive any reason why these two soldiers and the Inspector should come and say what is untrue. If you had taken the watch to keep it safe, the proper course would have been to have handed it up at the Police Station. It is impossible to think that you did not know that the Inspector was searching the soldiers for. Taking into consideration that I know nothing of your previous history and that you are not a resident in this colony, I shall give you a less sentence than I would otherwise have done. The sentence of the Court is that you be imprisoned and kept in hard labour for one year.

## THE CLAN SPIRIT AT TAI KOU TEST.

Ip A Hop and Chan Kau Kau were next sentenced.

His Lordship—The jury have taken a merciful view of your case. They have not found you guilty on the more serious count of shooting with intent to do serious bodily harm, but on the lesser count of unlawfully wounding. According to the evidence given in the Court you two were the ringleaders of an armed party that attacked a much smaller party. Many of you were armed with revolvers, swords, daggers and knives. Both of you were armed with revolvers and swords. Several shots were fired, and two men, who appeared to have nothing to do with the matter, were injured. One of them, perhaps both, seriously. Both were shot in the head, and it may be that the injuries of one will cause his death. It is to be hoped for his own sake and yours that he will recover. Under these circumstances it is my duty to give you the heaviest punishment that the law enables me to give in order to prevent such occurrences in future. The sentence of the Court is that each of you be kept in penal servitude for three years.

## ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Chan Angan, Luan Ayau, Tai Au and Man Ayung were next called.

His Lordship—You have been convicted of robbery from the person with violence, and you, the fourth prisoner, are also convicted of receiving the stolen goods.

The prisoners repeated the statements they had made at the trial.

His Lordship—With regard to you, the first prisoner, I find that this is not the first time that you have been before the Court.

Prisoner—It is ten years ago since I was convicted.

His Lordship—That is so, but I do not know how you have been living in the meantime. You then pleaded guilty to burglary and were sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. That ought to have taught you a lesson. It seems to me that you are not a reformed man, and you are not the man who set the others up to robbing this place. You and the second and third prisoners were clearly identified by the first witness who gave his evidence in a very straightforward manner. He was one of your party who entered, and he recognized the three who first came in. You, the second prisoner, seized her by the throat, and nobody who had once seen your face would have any difficulty in recognizing you. It was a disgraceful thing to go into a woman's house, hold her by the throat and put your knee upon her chest while the others plundered the house, and you were not only recognised by the woman in the house but by a woman who passed close to you in the street. Another of your party seized the old weak woman at the door by the throat. With regard to you, the fourth prisoner, there is small evidence against you. You were identified originally by the old woman, but little reason can be placed on that. But you certainly knew about the case and could give information as to where the goods were to be found. The sentence on the 1st and 2nd prisoners is three years' penal servitude, but in addition that they will be publicly whipped. During the first six months of their imprisonment. With regard to the 3rd and 4th prisoners I do not sentence them to be whipped, but they shall each of them have three years' penal servitude.

(Before the Hon. J. Russell, Puisne Judge.)

## THE PRISONER WHO WISHED TO BE DEPORTED.

Lau Yee, the man who pleaded with his Lordship to be deported, was next sentenced.

The prisoner—I have nothing to say, but I shall be satisfied if you, your Lordship, would give me a light sentence.

His Lordship—The value of the property you have stolen is certainly not very much—about five dollars, and you probably would not have had a very heavy punishment if your character as a burglar had not been well known. You have been twice convicted of burglary, and on the second occasion it was a burglary of a very peculiar character. You are a stone-mason and a bricklayer to trade, and you were not satisfied with the usual way of burglars who break in at the windows or doors, but you took the end wall of a house down and made an entrance in that way into a man's room. The sentence of the Court is that you be kept in penal servitude for five years.

## STEALING A CHOPPER.

Ching Amok was the next criminal.

His Lordship—You have been found guilty of stealing a chopper and pair of tongs, and you have pleaded guilty to two previous convictions for felony. The value of the property in this case is very small. The magistrates would probably have dealt with your case, but they have sent you here in order that you may get an adequate punishment as an old offender. This is your first appearance, however, in this Court, and I propose to give you another chance. The sentence is that you be kept in prison with hard labour for two years.

## A HEARTLESS TRICK.

Chan Ahong, Wong Chui, and Chan Achua, were next called.

The two first were convicted of stealing a box containing \$221 and the third of receiving the stolen goods.

His Lordship asked if any of the money had been recovered.

The Acting Attorney General—Only two dollars have been recovered.

His Lordship—A more heartless case than this I cannot well remember. You, the first prisoner, know that this man was an emigrant returning from Sarawak who had been about ten years from home. He stopped at the boarding house at which you were a runner, and you know that he had \$250, and you seem to have made up your mind that you would relieve him of the money. You noticed him to go and take his rice in a different part of the ship from where his rice was, and you offered to take charge of the box. During the time he was absent you arranged with the second prisoner and another to carry away his box and his money. You then made believe that you knew nothing about it, and had the impudence to go back with him to the box and pretend that the box had been lost just while you turned your back. Owing to the promptness of the accountant in the boarding house and the promptness of the police in following up the information they received, within four hours the box and the money were discovered in the third prisoner's house where they had been hidden. The money unfortunately was entirely gone. As to the first prisoner the sentence of the Court is that he be kept in penal servitude for three years. With the second prisoner I make a difference, because he had a very good character. I think he was induced to take away the box by the first prisoner. His sentence will be two years' imprisonment with hard labour. The third prisoner was convicted of receiving the stolen goods. It is an old saying that if there were no receivers there would be no thieves. On his person were found two Japanese dollars, and the money stolen was below his head. The sentence of the Court is that he be kept in penal servitude for three years.

## LARCENY BY AN OLD LUNKER.

Lung Ayon was the last prisoner sentenced.

His Lordship—This is a case which the Magistrate would have dealt with, but it was out of his jurisdiction on account of the fine that had elapsed since the theft. You got two men into trouble for your offence, for they were arrested for having in possession of property stolen from the Government. The case, however, is a petty one; you will be imprisoned for six months.

## DISCHARGED.

Un Aching was discharged by proclamation, the Acting Attorney General intimating that he did not intend to file any criminal information on this matter.

## THE SHANGHAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Shanghai Chamber of Commerce of the 18th inst.

gives the following summary of the meeting of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce: The annual meeting of the members of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce was held at the afternoon of the 18th inst. at the residence of Mr. J. G. Purdon, the Chairman of the Council, president, and there were present Messrs. J. G. Purdon, A. G. Wood, F. E. Huskell, J. M. Ringer, J. Welch, G. H. Wheeler, W. Brand, H. R. Hearn, N. A. Siebs, W. C. Ward, A. J. M. Invarity, J. Arranger, H. Heric, Carl Jantzen, M. Mess, J. H. B. Allen, C. Holliday, and J. K. Morrison. The Chairman briefly referred to the subjects that had engaged the attention of the Chamber during the year, the correspondence in relation to which has nearly all been published, and then he proceeded to read the report of the Chamber's circular, pointing out that steps were to be taken to increase its usefulness. The improvement, we gather from the report, is to take place after the end of this month, when Mr. Purdon's Committee express doubts that even with the additional information a sufficient number of copies can be disposed of to cover the extra expense and leave a surplus. To obtain this result it will be necessary for more to be subscribed, and the Chamber has many present subscribers to increase the quantity taken. The suggestion is also made to abolish the custom of giving six copies gratis to each member of the Chamber. The report was formally adopted, as were also the accounts. The accounts evoked some discussion. The expenditure for the year exceeded the income by Ts. 612, and there was a deficit of Ts. 678, which, however, the Chamber was able to meet by the receipt from the Municipal Council of Ts. 719.46, expenses of the public meeting during the war years, so that there was a balance to the good on the 1st January 1887 of Ts. 43.59. A reduction of expenses was deemed advisable, but the fee could suggest a satisfactory means to this end. It was suggested that the Chamber should obtain cheaper premises, but Mr. Purdon explained that this could not be done. He mentioned the alternative of increasing the subscription, but the fee was expressed that this would result in a loss of members, and the matter dropped without any definite lines of economy being decided upon. Ten gentlemen had signified their willingness to serve on the Committee during the year. This was just the number required and they were formally elected. They were Messrs. J. G. Purdon, Cecil Holliday, C. Jantzen, H. H. Joseph, J. J. Keewick, E. H. Lavers, M. Mess, N. A. Siebs, E. G. Vouilleme, and G. H. Wheeler.

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